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*The Humble Petitions and Proposals of the Officers
 under the Command of the Right Honorable the
 Lord Lambert, in the late Northern expedition.*

Humbly sheweth,

THAT whereas we with o-
 thers, who desire to fear the
 Lord in these Nations (though
 by our provocations we are
 ripe for destruction) have
 been again saved by the Lord,
 and have had a late view of
 his appearances as of old, in the beholding of
 whole gracious footsteps as we cannot but re-
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joyce, so our souls tremble least the fruit and birth of all (which the Lord may expect, and his people long earnestly for) become abortive now in the day of our deliverance; we do therefore present unto your Honors consideration, these ensuing Proposals which we do humbly lay before you.

I. That the Humble Petition and Address of the General Counsel of Officers at *Wallingford-house* to the Parliament, which was so unanimously and cheerfully agreed unto, and approved of in a day of our greatest confusions, may not be laid asleep, but may have fresh life given unto it; It being (upon further and clearer grounds) still upon our hearts as the best and only expedient, yet offered (notwithstanding many assayes) to a happy and durable settlement being a fixed and firm fence and boundary (under God) for the securing of the Civil and Spiritual Liberties, which the Spirit of the Nation is unwearied in travail, not onely to invade, but upon every opportunity (as we we have often seen, and lately had a clear evidence of) is ready to attempt the ruin and destruction of the same.

II. That whereas God having given a Spirit to the Army fixed and faithful to the interest of his people, and our good old cause, when many who had been friends, were either Apostates, Malig-nants or Newters, joyning with the old Enemy, leaving the Parliament and Army, and their few active friends singly to conflict with their late difficulties, and having now no such hopeful way,
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like to prevail, and ruin, and frustrate what we have so long contended for, as by working divisions in the Army, making breaches, begetting misunderstandings, and dissolving its Union (wherein, under God, it's strength lies) We do therefore as the most effectual means, for the maintaining of the Discipline and conduct thereof, and preserving its Union inviolable, humbly Propose, That his Excellency the Lord *Fleetwood* may be settled Commander in chief of the Armies, his Commission expiring within a few months; That the Lord *Lambert* be the General Officer, and chief Commander of the Army next under him: Also that General *Desbrough* be the chief Officer of the horse under them, and that General *Monck* be the chief Officer of the Infantry, they being persons, under whose conduct, courage, and fidelity, we have had eminent success, victories and deliverances in the days of great straits, and have been signally blest and owned by the Lord, to whom, and not to man be the honor of all.

III. That having had very sad experiences of a grand Apostatizing and Newteral Spirit gone through the Nations, and amongst many of those who were intrusted for the safety thereof, very few acting or appearing in several Counties, for the preventing the Plots, and suppressing the powers of the enemy in their late Rebellious design; and many others not onely faultering, but falling in with them, were by a total ruin, was threatned, and had been effected, had not the
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Lord in mercy prevented it. We therefore humbly Propose, that there may be a diligent inquiry in all parts by faithful men, employed to that purpose, what intrusted Persons have been guilty of any contrivance, or acted against the Commonwealths interest, and that they may be proceeded against accordingly; and likewise what persons upon wicked purposes have been Newteral in such a distracted day, when their assistance according to their employments and trust, would have been no less useful then seasonable; and that all such may be removed from their places and employments, Civil and Military, and that such who on the contrary have in this juncture of your discomposed affairs, declared their owning of this interest, either in the County Troops, Militia, Volanteers, or otherways, may be looked upon as friends, encouraged, satisfied, their Arrears protected from injuries, countenanced by you, and as they are capacitated, invested with authority in their several Countries.

IV. That in the late Insurrections, some considerable Corporations have not onely added, abetted, and countenanced the enemies designs, but also have made use of the Armes lodged with them, and themselves appeared in the rebellion, willingly receiving the numerous affections of all engaged therein: Therefore we humbly propose, That such Corporations may be discountinanced, and that you would be pleased to give your signal mark of disfavor against them; as also for the future, so to regulate Corporations, that such

such persons well qualified according to the Government of a well constituted Common-wealth may be invested with the authority of Magistracy in every Town, that so the footsteps of Monarchy may be rased out.

V. We humbly offer, that all persons whatsoever, Magistrates, Ministers, or others, who have openly, or secretly stirred up, or provoked the inhabitants of these Nations to war and commotion against the Parliament, and particular to the late Insurrections, which is too visibly apparent, many of them having not onely been abettors, but in their persons appeared with instruments and weapons of war (as some of us know) may be proceeded against, as you in your judgments think fit.

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